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Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

"(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on sub-items (a) and (b) at its 25th and 26th meetings, on 4 November 2004. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/59/SR.25 and 26). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 8th meetings, from 4 to 6 October and on 12 October 2004 (see A/C.2/59/SR.2-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in an addendum to the present report (A/59/488/Add.1).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 22 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration adopted on the occasion of the special ministerial meeting to commemorate the

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fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Group of 77, held in São Paulo, Brazil, on 11 and 12 June 2004 (A/59/115)

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/59/135 and Corr.1)

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/59/3)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2002 (A/59/84-E/2004/53)

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/59/85-E/2004/68)

Report of the Secretary-General on preliminary statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003 (A/59/386)

Report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions and recommendations of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/59/387)

4. At the 25th meeting, on 4 November, introductory statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-items (a) and (b), respectively (see A/C.2/59/SR.25).

5. Also at the 25th meeting, pursuant to section C, paragraph 3 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, the Committee held a dialogue with the substantive representatives, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Canada, Ghana and Burkina Faso, to which the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs responded (see A/C.2/59/SR.25).

6. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the Secretary-General for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (ibid.).

[1] A/59/3; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/59/3/Rev.1).